

Athens Water Wheel (Athens Foundry and
Machine Company Building)
Riverside Drive opposite Nos. 13-17
Athens
Athens County
Ohio

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Ohio	COUNTY Athens	TOWN OR VICINITY Athens
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Athens Water Wheel (Athens deeds and tax records)		HABS NO. OH-695
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Athens Foundry and Machine Company Building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Riverside Drive opposite Nos. 13-17 U.T.M. coordinates 17.404580.4353550		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1873	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Athens Water Wheel is the oldest structure still standing in the industrialized area that developed south of the railroad station and West Union Street after the railroad was opened between Athens and Marietta. The structure housed a variety of industries from its building to the present, including the Campbell and Brannon Foundry (1898-1899), the Athens STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Foundry and Machine Company (1900-1923), and the Ohio Fuel Gas Company (1929-1962).		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Load-bearing brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular original block with two rectangular wings creating  configuration.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Original wing -- one story, gable-roofed structure with segmentally arched window openings; 9/9 double hung sash windows; 2 round vent openings in upper gable end walls; segmentally arched double door opening on front elevation		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES First addition - circa 1890: one story, flat-roofed brick structure on east end of north elevation, segmentally arched window openings Second addition: glazed brick addition on west elevation of first addition		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair condition; vacant		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Athens Water Wheel is to be demolished with funds provided by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development through an Urban Development Action Grant.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Ohio History Inventory		
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